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YO, EIKO.

WHERE'S THIS COMING FROM?

YOU'RE PRETTY BORING, YA KNOW.

I'VE ACTUALLY BEEN THINKING ABOUT IT FOR A WHILE.

HUH?

AND EVERYONE AROUND YOU SEES YOU AS AVERAGE.

YOUR REFLEXES ARE AVERAGE.

YOUR GRADES ARE AVERAGE.

YOUR HEIGHT IS AVERAGE.

EVEN YOUR ANSWERS ARE BORING.

NO WAY, THAT'S EMBARRASSING.

WHY DON'T YOU TRY WEARING A RIBBON?

IT DOESN'T REALLY BOTHER ME.

SO WHAT? IT'S NOT LIKE BEING AVERAGE CAUSES ANY PROBLEMS.

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ICHIKA, STOP HARASSING HER.

THE HELL WAS THAT FOR?!

HUH, I SEE.

I MEANT BEFORE THAT.

"I SEE" MEANT THAT I WAS OKAY WITH IT!

I'M NOT HARASSING ANYONE!

WELL, IT'S TOO LATE TO BE BRINGING THAT UP NOW!

YES, LET'S.

WANT TO HANG OUT AFTER SCHOOL TODAY?

MAN, I'M STUFFED.

YOU'RE REALLY INTO THAT STUFF ABOUT TEA, HUH, MIKA.

I'D LIKE TO CHECK OUT SOME NEW TEA CUPS.

HM... IS THERE SOMEWHERE YOU WANTED TO GO TODAY, EIKO?

...LATE AGAIN.

NO, YOU'RE JUST TOO UN-LADYLIKE, MS. "I'M STUFFED."

SUCH A PROPER LADY.

NOT REALLY...

AH, YEAH, DEFI- NITELY.

IF WE'RE TALKING ABOUT CUTE GIRLS, YOU CAN'T FORGET ISHIKAWA-SAN FROM CLASS 3.

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UM, NO
REASON...

WHY
ARE YOU
HERE?!

AH.

THAT'S
OOTANI
-KUN.

HM...

SO OOTANI,
WHO DO YOU
THINK IS THE
CUTEST?

SHH!

RIGHT,
THE GUY
EIKO
LIKES...

HUH?!

DIDN'T YOU SAY YOU THOUGHT SHE WAS CUTE?

OH, I BET IT'S MATSU-MOTO EIKO!

OH?

I MEAN, COME ON, MATSU-MOTO IS JUST SO BORING.

NAH, NO WAY.

THAT'S HORRIBLE, DUDE, LAY OFF HER A BIT.

AHAHA, YEAH. WE SHOULD START CALLING HER "BORE-KO".

TEACH ME!

HOW DO I STOP PEOPLE FROM CALL-ING ME BORING?

HOW DO I STOP IT?

EIKO, YOU KNOW IT'S NOT POLITE TO EAVES-DROP.

WHAT ABOUT YOU, MARIA?

USE-LESS!!

HM... HONESTLY, I HAVE NO IDEA.

STILL LATE!

YEAH, I KNOW. I WAS JUST THINKING OUT LOUD...

YOU'D REALLY GO DOWN THAT PATH JUST TO AVOID BEING CALLED BORING?!

I-I'VE GOT IT! I'M GOING TO BECOME A DELINQUENT!

LET'S START THINKING.

ALRIGHT, IT'S TIME TO THINK OF THINGS LIKE THESE THAT AN IQ OF 200 COMES IN HANDY.

YOU AND YOUR IQ 200 ARE SERIOUSLY USELESS.

JOIN A GANG?!

MM... UH...

HMM MM...

ALRIGHT, ALRIGHT. I'LL GET SERIOUS THIS TIME.

DON'T JUST BLURT SOMETHING OUT WITH-OUT EVEN THINKING!

I THINK IT'S BEST IF YOU JUST STAY BORING.

LIKE I CARE!

I'VE GOT AN I.Q. OF 200, BUT I'M ALLERGIC TO STUDYING SO EVERYONE'S BAWAYS LECTURING ME AND STUFF...

HEAR ME OUT, BEING NOT BORING IS A TOTAL PAIN.

AS LONG AS I'M BORING, I'LL NEVER GET MY ATTENTION FROM OOTANI-KUN!

HEY, MARIA, YOU GOT ANY IDEAS?

HUH?

FATHER TOLD ME THAT I'M NEVER TO ASSOCIATE WITH DELINQUENTS...

WH... WHY...

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OK, WELL... DO YOU HAVE ANY SPECIAL TALENTS?

R-RELAX. I'M NOT GOING TO BECOME A DELINQUENT, OKAY?

BUT I STILL WANT TO BE FRIENDS WITH YOU, EIKO.

I'VE KNOWN HER SINCE WE WERE KIDS. I DOUBT SHE'S GOT ANY TALENTS THAT I DON'T KNOW ABOUT.

I WAS JUST THINKING THAT A SPECIAL TALENT COULD HELP YOU BE LESS BORING.

TAL-ENTS?

THAT WOULD MEAN I'M NOT BORING, RIGHT?

WHAT IF I TOLD YOU I HAVE... PSYCHIC POWERS.

...I'M SERIOUS.

YEAH RIGHT! AS IF!

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HAVE PSYCHIC ABILI- TIES.

I...

ICHIKA. MARIA.

I'VE KEPT IT A SECRET FOR ALL THIS TIME... BUT...

AND TO NEVER USE THEM, EITHER.

MY DAD TOLD ME TO NEVER TELL ANYONE ABOUT THEM.

I'VE FOLLOWED THOSE TWO RULES SINCE I WAS LITTLE.

THAT'S RIGHT.

WE PROMISE TO VISIT YOU EVERY DAY, OKAY?

SHE NEEDS A HOSPITAL.

FORGET THE NURSE'S OFFICE.

HE DID IT SO THAT I WOULDN'T STAND OUT...

NOW THAT I THINK ABOUT IT, BORING IS JUST HOW MY DAD RAISED ME TO BE.

THANKS FOR EVERYTHING, DAD.

OKAY.

WE'LL GRAB HER ON THE COUNT OF THREE.

I'M GOING TO BREAK THOSE RULES IN THE NAME OF LOVE!

BUT I'M SORRY!

ONE... TWO...

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FROM NOW ON, I'M NOT GOING TO BE A BORING GIRL. I'M GOING TO LIVE AS A GIRL WITH PSYCHIC POWERS!

GET BACK, YOU TWO!

I DON'T WANT EITHER OF YOU TO GET HURT.

SINCE I'VE USED MY POWERS...

IT'S BEEN A WHILE.

...YEAH.

WAIT, IS SHE ACTUALLY BEING SERIOUS RIGHT NOW?

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GRRRARA...

I CAN'T
HOLD IT
MUCH
LONGER.

AH...

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RR...

PWAHHI

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WHAT?!

THAT WAS STILL KINDA BORING.

WELL, I DIDN'T SEE THAT COMING, BUT...

IT'S AWESOME BECAUSE I DIDN'T HAVE TO USE MY HANDS!

LOOK, I CAN DO THAT WITH MY HAND.

I MEAN... ALL YOU DID WAS MAKE A COUPLE PEBBLES FLOAT...

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CAN YOU DO ANY-THING LIKE THAT?

MAYBE IF YOU DID SOMETHING MORE AT A LITTLE MORE "WOW", YOU KNOW?

WELL... IS THAT TRUE, MARIAN?

YOU'RE TOTALLY THINKING THE SAME THING.

STOP BOTHERING EIKO, ICHIKA.

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IT'S NOT BORING AT ALL, RIGHT?

RIGHT?!

I KNOW, RIGHT?!

I THINK THAT WAS AMAZING!

YES, IT WAS!

IT WASN'T BORING IN THE LEAST... NO...

YEAH!!

YEAH. IT WAS VERY COOL.

THAT JUST MEANS IT WAS BORING!!

IT DEFINITELY FEELS LIKE SOMETHING YOU'D DO...

THEN IT WON'T BE BORING, RIGHT?!

IF I KEEP PRACTICING, I'LL DEFINITELY BE ABLE TO LIFT HEAVIER STUFF!

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AH, THERE'S THE BELL.

I THINK MATSUMOTO IS CUTE BECAUSE SHE'S BORING.

I KNOW I SAID THAT, BUT...

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